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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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For: CARBON ALLOY PRODUCTS AND A PROCESS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO ACCOMPANY RCE

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 11, 2008, Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and further request that this application be amended as follows and that the amended application be considered in the RCE.

The informalities noted in prior office actions have been corrected in prior amendments.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time of three months to and including January 11, 2008, (because January 11, 2009, falls on Sunday, the filing would be due on the following Monday, January 12, 2009), for filing the RCE and responding to the Office Action of July 11, 2008. The required fees have been submitted.